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## PAIR HELD FOR KILLING MISER ARE INDICTED

Perry County Grand Jury Orders French and Jarvaux tried in August

## 1 CONFESSES BUT HIS CONFEDERATE IS SILENT

Uncle of Former Sailor Says He Watched Him Slay and Burn Recluse's Body.

The Grand Jury of Perry County yesterday indicted Claude French and John Jarvaux on the charge of having murdered Edward Muenick, or Menne, in his little store twelve miles from Perryville two weeks ago.

Muenick, who was a miser, was found on an ash heap burned beyond recognition. His store building had been destroyed by fire and his body had been filled with oil before it was ignited.

When taken before the Grand Jury at Perryville yesterday, Jarvaux repeated the story which he related to Prosecuting Attorney Hood last week and which appeared in The Tribune.

He exonerated himself and accused French, who is his nephew, with having committed the murder to save himself from being charged with robbing Muenick's store.

French was quizzed by the Grand Jury, but he refused to divulge the story of the crime. Jarvaux spoke frankly to the lawmakers when prompted by Mr. Hood, and said that he found relief in telling the story.

When Jarvaux had completed his story, the Grand Jury returned indictments against both prisoners. They will be placed on trial at the next term of court, which probably will convene sometime during August.

While Prosecuting Attorney Hood declined to discuss his plans, it is believed he will ask Jarvaux to testify in behalf of the State. If he is placed on the stand as a witness for the prosecution, it is quite likely that he will be given the minimum penalty. In cases of this kind it usually is customary to give a prisoner his liberty if he turns states evidence and brings about the conviction of a confederate.

Jarvaux has contended ever since his arrest that he took no part in the murder. He does admit, however, that he went to the store with French for the purpose of robbing the aged miser, but that he refused to take part in killing or firing the store.

He said that French knocked Muenick senseless when the merchant called him by name, and that they then proceeded to rob the store. The mattress on the bed was torn to pieces in the belief that it contained a large sum of money, and that crevices in the wall and all of the drawers were examined. But only a small sum was found with receipts showing that the old miser had deposited money regularly in a bank in St. Louis.

Officials of the county learned after the murder that the recluse had mailed quite a snug sum to St. Louis on the morning of the day he was slain.

The robbers, after ransacking the building, started to depart and Muenick regained consciousness. He began to protest with French, according to Jarvaux, and was again knocked down.

Jarvaux yesterday told the Grand Jury that he pleaded with his nephew not to kill the merchant, but that he was unable to influence the angered thief. After flooring the old man, he seized the collar of his shirt and dragged his prostrate form out of the building and around it to a clump of bushes just back of the store. He then attacked his victim savagely, beating him until life was extinct. When he realized that Muenick was dead, Jarvaux told the jurors, he became frightened and started to flee. Then he recovered his composure and suggested burning the body and the building.

He ran into the store, seized a large can containing coal oil, and

## FARMERS WIN FIGHT TO GET PHONE SERVICE

Big Bend Telephone Company Is Forced to Meet Agriculturists' Demands.

## CAPE COUNTY CONCERNS CONSOLIDATE IN CAPE

Farmers Will Get Cheap Rates By Becoming Members of Company

Arrangements were perfected last night by which telephone communication will soon be extended through to Egypt Mills and the entire surrounding neighborhood. These conveniences have been denied this prosperous and busy section of the county for several years in spite of active efforts on the part of their progressive citizens to obtain them.

The difficulty was overcome last night at a joint meeting of the directors of the Cape Girardeau Big Bend Telephone Company and The Extension of the Big Bend Telephone Co.

The Big Bend Telephone Company was organized about five years ago and had carried their line to a point about four miles North of the city. Their failure to extend their system into Egypt Mills is generally attributed to the belief that their prices were prohibitive.

The Extension of the Big Bend Telephone Co. was recently organized for the purpose of establishing telephone connection with Egypt Mills, and if possible secure the use of the poles that had been used by the company holding the original franchise.

J. F. Anderson and J. T. Furch of this city are two of the active leaders in the promotion of the enterprise and it was through their efforts that the joint meeting was held last night at the Juden School House.

As a means of encouraging patronage and enabling the company to bring the work to a speedy completion it was agreed that the new company should have the use of the poles already set by the old company as far as the line has been extended, and from that point to the end of the proposed line the new company should set the poles and complete the work, after which both companies would share in keeping the line in repair.

It was also agreed that any one wishing to connect with the line, will be at liberty to do so without charge provided he agrees to stand his share of expense in the operation and maintenance of the system.

This plan meets with the approval of the farmers throughout the country traversed by the line and it is believed that within a few months every farmer in the Bend as far North as Egypt Mills will be enjoying telephone advantages.

Mr. Anderson and Mr. Furch attended the meeting, and on their return stated that the plan adopted met with hearty approval, and that they believed every farm house between this city and Egypt Mills would soon be supplied with a telephone.

## BASEBALL SCORES

### NATIONAL LEAGUE.

#### AT PHILADELPHIA.

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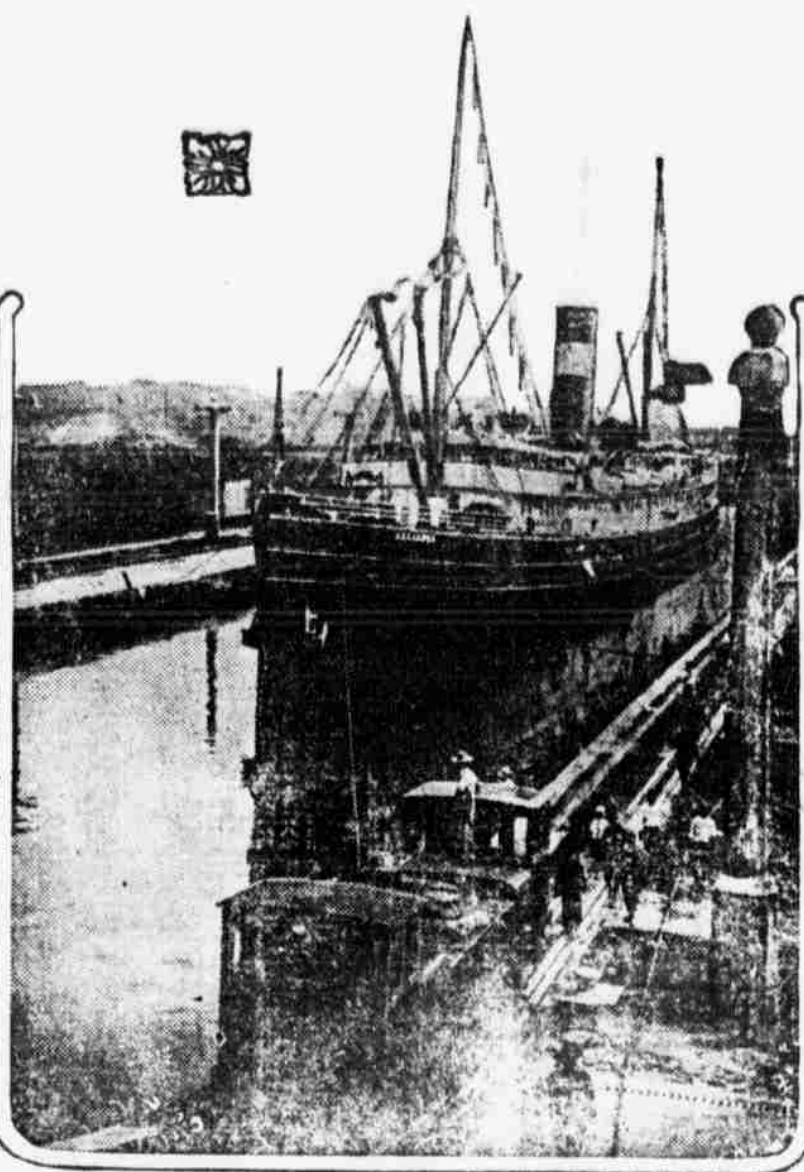
### AMERICAN LEAGUE.

#### AT ST. LOUIS.

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Lee B. Davis of Thoms, E. J. Gilbert of Cairo and Omar Taylor of East Cape were in the city yesterday afternoon visiting friends.

## FIRST LINER THROUGH PANAMA CANAL



The Panama railroad steamship Alhambra, first ocean vessel to pass through the Panama canal, in the Gatun locks. This was a test ordered by Governor Goethals and was eminently satisfactory.

## SCHOOL BOILER TO BE REPLACED

President Phillips Says Board Members Planned Change Weeks Ago.

J. W. Phillips, President of the School Board, last night said that the boiler in the Lincoln school was more expensive than the School Board had contracted for. "Only the cast iron parts of the boiler have been used before," said Mr. Phillips, "and those never wear out."

"There is no use to go into hysterics about the matter. It was installed with the knowledge of members of the Board. This boiler, or the cast iron parts of it, were used a short time in the Wadsworth Hotel. It is worth about \$350 more than the boiler our contract calls for. Everyone who knows anything about the value of such material has no doubt about the worth of this boiler."

"The fact that we had installed it has been known a long time. As I said before, the parts that wear out quickly are new, but the merits of this equipment are of no concern now."

"The members of the school board know that Architect Parlow ordered it taken out sometime ago. He consulted with the members, when he received a report that its installation had not met with approval with everyone of them. While some favored keeping it because it was a better boiler and would last longer than the one the contract called for, others thought it was best to substitute another one for it."

"And in order that every member should be satisfied, the boiler was ordered taken out. The one specified in the contract, which was ordered sometime ago, was expected to reach the city several days ago. It of course, will be installed as soon as it arrives."

"There has been no disagreement among the members of the board and the work at the Lincoln school is strictly up-to-date and is as good as it can be done anywhere. The members of the school board have never stooped to dark lantern methods and I feel certain that the people can trust them on everything and all the time."

## AUTO HITS LOG AND IS WRECKED

Party of Salesmen Meet Disaster on Illinois Road. Injured Here.

A party of traveling salesmen, consisting of Murphyboro while making their territory in an auto, met with a serious accident yesterday afternoon just as they were entering the town of McClure.

A log had been placed in the road, and carefully covered with dust in order that the obstruction would not be observed.

The auto was traveling at a rapid speed and when it struck the log the machine was wrecked and all of the passengers were injured more or less. The man who was acting as chauffeur was thrown over the steering wheel and out the front of the car, and the companion sitting at his side was also thrown out of his seat and received an ugly gash over his eye. The two men in the rear seat received a severe shaking up and were bruised considerably but their injuries were not serious.

The party was composed of D. C. Harrell, President of the Murphyboro Commission Co., P. H. Wightman, representing the Reliance Milling Co., O. C. Arnold and Walter Worthen with the Daniel Grocery Co.

The injured men were brought to this city for medical care, and repairs for the car were ordered by telegraph from St. Louis shortly after the accident occurred. The order was filled promptly and the necessary supplies arrived this morning at 1.30.

The victims of the accident after having their injuries attended to returned to McClure and after repairing the machine will continue their journey to Thebes, the southern limit of their territory.

U. S. Deputy Revenue Collector, Blucher Spurling of Jackson, is in receipt of advice that Hon. George H. Moore the newly appointed Collector of Internal Revenue for the First District of Missouri, will assume charge of his office on August 1, 1914, and that all deputy collectors connected with his office stand suspended.

## RUSSIA SEVERS RELATIONS WITH AUSTRIA; KAISER READY FOR WAR

All Night Session of Officers of State in Berlin Over Ultimatum Germany Will Send to Czar--Action Will Be Declaration of War

## AUSTRIAN SHIPS FIRE BELGRADE AND SHATTER FORTS AND PALACE

Servians Return Fire and Then Flee--Emperor Joseph Sends Message to St. Petersburg--Whole of Europe Preparing For Greatest Conflict in History.

The developments of the European war situation are: The London Times has been advised that diplomatic relations between Austria and Russia have been suspended, but Emperor Joseph is reported to have sent a letter to the Czar, which may bring about a cessation of hostilities.

Belgrade is under bombardment from the Austrian ships in the Danube river and has been ignited by the shells, which have destroyed the fortification and done much damage to the Royal Palace. An artillery duel is now in progress at Viebnitz, five miles from Belgrade.

The President of the Council of the Empire of Russia announces that Russia will take whatever steps may prove necessary to protect Serbia from further Austrian onslaughts. Austria is prepared for a special issuance of \$250,000,000 in treasury notes to finance the movement of troops.

Paris is beginning to lay up provisions for a siege equal to that of 1870. Germany is preparing to put her army on a full war footing and is mobilizing her navy. An inspired telegram printed in the Frankfort Gazette under a Berlin date line, practically is an official notice to Russia to cease her extensive military preparations.

Vieria, July 29.—An immediate issue of \$250,000 Austrian Treasury notes has been made to provide for the expensive war with Serbia. Reports reaching here tonight from Belgrade say that city is in flames following the bombardment of the Capital by two Danube monitors and small warships of the Austrian navy. The shells destroyed the exposed portions of the city and also battered down the fortifications. The King's palace is almost in waste.

Paris, July 29. Following immediately upon firing the first shot on the Danube, Russia today sent Austria notification that her intentions were to uphold Serbia. This note amounts to an ultimatum.

The news was received from St. Petersburg in a code telegram and it emanates from an authoritative source. Had Russia not taken the extraordinary precautions to prevent any communications from crossing the frontier since last Saturday, her intentions to support Serbia on the battlefield would have been known four days ago.

Martial law has been declared in St. Petersburg. This action was taken Saturday after a cabinet meeting when the Czar said: "I've been patient seven years, but my patience has been exhausted, and I am determined to show Austria that she cannot trifle with Russia longer."

The Czar thereupon ordered the mobilization of the army and that it be rushed to the Austrian frontier. The strictest censorship was immediately enforced, the press gagged and all private telegrams enforced.

Berlin, July 29.—The situation is looked upon about even in official circles as being little less than desperate. Your correspondent is in a position to state authoritatively that Russia's action in mobilizing her troops is regarded here as a direct and imminent menace to Germany which compels this government to take active measures in defense.

Practically the only question discussed here tonight at the protected official conference is whether the Kaiser's government should direct a peremptory inquiry to St. Petersburg, demanding an explanation for Russian mobilization with the statement that Russia's next move will bring the German army and navy into action.

If the inquiry fails to elicit a satisfactory answer Germany will at once proceed for war. The conference was still in session at the foreign office at midnight, but nothing definite had been agreed upon.

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